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FOREST SERVICE TO HOST FIVE OPEN HOUSES ON FIRES MANAGED FOR RESOURCE BENEFIT

The Ashley National Forest will host five open houses this month about natural fires that are managed for resource benefits. The open houses will be held at the following locations:

- Green River, Wyoming, Green River City Office, 50 East 2nd North on Monday, August 23, 2004, 4 to 7 p.m.
- Roosevelt, Utah, Roosevelt Community Center, 50 East 200 South on Tuesday, August 24, 2004, 4 to 7 p.m.
- Vernal, Utah, Vernal City Office, 447 East Main on Thursday, August 26, 2004, 4 to 7
 p.m.
- Salt Lake City, Utah, Salt Lake Library Conference Room B, 210 East 400 South on Monday, August 30, 2004, 4 to 7 p.m.

 Manila, Utah, Daggett County Courthouse, 95 North 100 West on Tuesday, August 31, 2004, 4 to 7 p.m.

Wildland Fire Use is the management of naturally-ignited (lighting caused) wildland fires to accomplish specific pre-stated resource management objectives (prescriptions) in pre-defined geographic areas outlined in the Fire Management Plans. With the revisions of the Federal Wildland Fire Policy in 1995, Prescribed Natural Fire became known as Wildland Fire Use.

For more information about the open houses, please contact Lisa Ross, at (435) 781-5103. For more information on Wildland Fire Use please visit the Ashley National Forest Website at www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley and to the Fire and Aviation link.